

St. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LIMERICK

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VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Short excerpt from Pope Francis message for Vocation Sunday 2016. the theme of this year's message is 'The Church Mother of Vocations'.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is my great hope that, during the course of this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, all the baptized may experience the joy of belonging to the Church and rediscover that the Christian vocation, just like every particular vocation, is born from within the People of God, and is a gift of divine mercy.

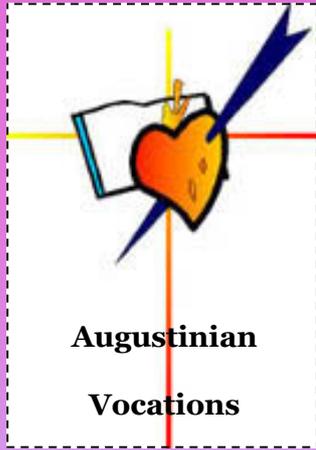
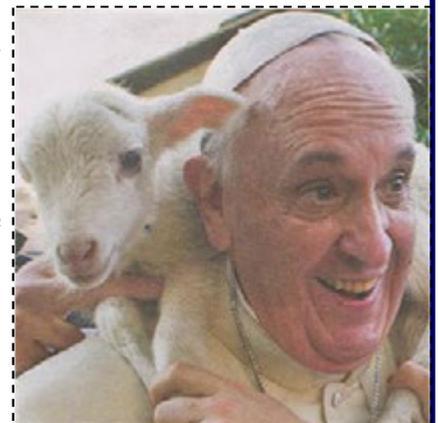
The Church is the house of mercy, and it is the "soil" where vocations take root, mature and bear fruit.

For this reason, on the occasion of the 53rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I invite all of you to reflect upon the apostolic community, and to give thanks for the role of the community in each person's vocational journey.

The call of God comes to us by means of a *mediation which is communal*. God calls us to become a part of the Church and, after we have reached a certain maturity within it, he bestows on us a specific vocation. The vocational journey is undertaken together with the brothers and sisters whom the Lord has given to us: it is a *con-vocation*. The ecclesial dynamism of the call is an antidote to indifference and to individualism. It establishes the communion in which indifference is vanquished by love, because it demands that we go beyond ourselves and place our lives at the service of God's plan, embracing the historical circumstances of his holy people.

On this day dedicated to prayer for vocations, I urge all the faithful to assume their responsibility for the care and discernment of vocations. When the Apostles sought someone to take the place of Judas Iscariot, Saint Peter brought together one hundred and twenty of the brethren cf. *Acts* 1:15); and in order to chose seven deacons, a group of disciples was gathered (cf. 6:2). Saint Paul gave Titus specific criteria for the selection of presbyters (cf. *Titus* 1:5-9). Still today, the Christian

community is always present in the discernment of vocations, in their formation and in their perseverance (cf. *Apost.* Ex. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 107).



Augustinian
Vocations

Mass Times

Monday –Friday
7.30 am, 8.30am,
10.15am & 4.00pm

Saturday
8.30am, 10.15am
3.00pm
(Mass for the Sick)

Sunday
9.00am, 11.15am,
Evening Mass
7.30pm

Confession

Monday, Wednesday
&Friday
10.45 am–12.00
3.00pm– 4.00pm
Saturday
10.45 am –12.00
2.30pm –4.00pm



You have made us for yourself O Lord and our hearts are restless until they rests in you.
(St. Augustine)

**"Do not be afraid of what God asks of you! It is worth saying 'yes' to God."
Pope Francis**

Augustinians

Augustinians: Who We Are



The Augustinian Order is one of the mendicant Orders of the Catholic Church which means that we are an order of friars, founded to serve the people of God, as needs arise. We were founded when Pope Innocent IV united groups of hermits, all following the Rule of Saint Augustine, into one group which was known as the Order of Hermits of Saint Augustine. This was an initiative that served to attend to the spiritual needs of the people of God as people began to come together to live in cities around the middle of the 13th century. The process of unification was completed by Innocent's successor, Alexander IV who finalised the Order in its modern form in the year 1256. The whole point of being a friar is that Augustinians do not have a vow of stability that roots them in one particular location; unlike the monks, such as the Benedictines in Glenstal, who will always live in that particular location. We are a group of priests, brothers, and nuns who are called to respond to the needs of the church whenever, and wherever, these arise.

Very soon after being founded, the Augustinians spread throughout Europe, arriving in Ireland around the year 1280 – coming to Limerick (firstly Adare) in 1316. Since then the friars have been involved in many different types of work as they go about their calling of spreading the Good News.

Today, Augustinian friars of the Irish Province can be found working in Parishes, Churches, Schools, Prisons, Hospitals, Universities, Counselling, and many other settings, including, of course, the foreign missions entrusted to us – especially in Nigeria and Ecuador.

Augustinians are called to live as a community and at the centre of our spirituality you will find the core idea of our shared search for God by a life of prayer, work, and building up community at all levels.

Today, Augustinians are to be found in over 50 countries throughout the world – serving God and the church, following the inspiration of St. Augustine, and sharing our lives with the people among whom we minister. If you would like to know more about the Augustinians, or if you think you might like to explore becoming an Augustinian, just speak to any of your local friars. Alternatively, you can contact one of the following:

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Or else, consult our website: www.augustinians.ie



Are you up for the Challenge?

Mother of Good Counsel

TRIDUUM



(Sat. 23rd April - Tue 26th)

Feast Day Tue 26th
10.15 AM MASS
each morning

MARANATHA
Prayer Ministry

You are invited to a
healing retreat &
Family Tree Mass
with

Fr. John Walsh Limk &
Janice and Moss Carrig
Newcastlewest

This Sunday 17th April
at 2.30pm
in St. Paul's Church
Dooradoyle
All are welcome!

Limerick Compassionate City

On 19th April at 7.30pm in the Limerick School of Art and Design, Dublin Road, Limerick Milford Centre, with the support of the Mayor of Limerick and Limerick City and County Council will be holding a public meeting to explore how Limerick can become recognised as the first Compassionate City in Ireland and the first of three in the World, with Bradford and Seville.

We would like to invite you to attend the meeting, to hear more and maybe even get involved.

At the meeting we will look at the Compassionate Cities Charter to see if we can develop an action plan for the City, so that our schools and workplaces have policies and training available to support people living with illness, death and loss. We will examine how the arts community can engage in this area, discuss the seed grant scheme available to communities, look at how the media within the City can get involved. As part of the development we anticipate new projects with the travelling community, the homeless and those living in Limerick Prison. **The potential is huge but we cannot do it on our own.**

If you have an hour or so **please come along.** We will have some music, some food and a warm welcome ready for you.

 The Mayor of Limerick & Milford Care Centre
invite you to attend a
PUBLIC MEETING

We need **your** help to make Limerick the first Compassionate City in Ireland

"Help us build Limerick to be a city where death is no longer hidden or whispered about, where people know what to say and what to do so that citizens can die and grieve well."

Tuesday 19th April
7.30 PM

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